SOME WASHINGTON TOPICS. THE RIVALRY FOR THE DEMOCRATIC

NATIONAL CONVENTION.

San Francisco Boomers Claim to Have Nearly Enough Votes in Payor of that City-Senator Sherman's Campaigning Cut Short by a East Cold-Important Public Meas-nres Beluyed by the Unseemly Quarrel in the House Over Private Claims.

Washington, Feb. 18,-The advance guard of the Chicago and San Francisco boomers have arrived in town to lie in wait for the members of the Democratic National Committee. The Californians are enthusiastic over the prospects of getting the Convention to go to San Francisco. They have been working quietly to secure the votes of the far Western and Territorial committeemen, and assert confidently that they have twentytwo votes already pledged in favor of the Pacific metropolis. Only two more votes are needed, they say, to enable them to capture the Convention. The Chicago men and the champions of St. Louis, Cincinnati, Minnespolls and other cities scout the claims of the nians, and say that they cannot get half the rojes they claim. The New Yorkers here are not doing any work for their own city, and seem to be indifferent as to the outcome of Wardeneder's meeting. They have no member sday's meeting. They have no member the National Committee, and it is doubtful the New York vacancy in that body is filled. There will be several proxies at the meeting for the members who now hold Federal offices. These are S. Corning Judd, Postmaster at Chicago: Austin H. Brown of Indiana. chief of a division in the Treasury; M. M. Ham of Iowa, Postmaster at Dubuque; B. F. Jonas of Louisiana, Collector of Customs at New Orienns; Don M. Dickinson of Michigan, Poetmaster General; W. W. Armstrong of Ohio. Postmaster at Cleveland; B. B. Smalley of Vermont, Collector at Burlington, and Wm. F. Vilas of Wisconsin. Begretary of the Interior. Mesers. W. K. Masde of Arizona and M. H. Day of Dakota have been appointed to Territorial places. Melville W. Tuller will hold S. Corning Judd's proxy and ex-Senator Joe McDonald will act for Mr. Brown, The terms of all the committeemen expire with the coming Convention, and there probably will have nothing to do. These are S. Corning Judd, Postmaster at Chi-There was a big time to-day in the Senate

mittee on the District of Columbia, which Bepresided over by Mr, Ingalis, the President pro tempore of the Senato. It was the occasion of the first hearing on the bill of Senator Platt's to prohibit the manufactors or sale of liquor in the District of Columbia. This bill was the quagrowth of a meeting hold by a number of Republican Senators who have had their ears to the ground and heard the tramp of the prohibition army. Petitions by the car loads have come in from all parts of the country in support of the bill, and they were piled up in the cammittee room six feet high while the hearing was in progress. There were a large number of ladies present, and the room was crowded with people who desired to be heard on both sides of the question. They were heard, and so emphatic was each speaker that his of last yiesy of the question was the proper dia, that the meeting almost ended in a manufactor of the committee, was conspicuted by the senator of the desired to be surprise of alm specially. Senator Riddleberger, who is a member of the committee, was conspicuted by separate the senators of the committee, was conspicuted by separate the senators of the committee, was conspicuted by separate the senators of the committee, was conspicuted by separate the bill into the Senate is order to have some fan. In the large number of persons present there were representatives from the Women's Christian Temperance Unions, including Miss Willard, the President; ministars, editore, and, last, but not by any means least, Washington's pet crank, Dr. Mary Welker. The ladies took the floor first and presented collecting argument, backed up by copious statistics showing the blessings of prohibition, particularly in the District of Columbia, where the temptations are so great, and such an army of men. Congressmen and others, exposed to its evil influences, and not surrounded by domestic obligations. Chairman ingalls had considerable trouble in persuading the ladies to keep their remarks within the lamber of the persuading the indicate. Here were continually wandering of into the nathe of illogical and outside debate. Miss o lempore of the Senate. It was the occasion the first hearing on the bill of Senator Platt's to prohibit the manufacture or sale of liquor in Ingails had considerable trouble in persuading the indice to keep their remarks within the time allowed them and to the subject before the committee. They were continually wandering off into the naths of illogical and outside debate. Miss Willard made a very forcible arguinest against the liquor traffic and in favore i prohibition, arguing that because prohibition arguing that because prohibition controlly and absolutely crush opticities and in favore i prohibition arguing that because prohibition arguing that because prohibition controlly and absolutely crush opticities and remains the traffic. She also observed down upon high licenses, which she called the Trojan horse that had been admitted to the temperance ranks. After the Prohibitionists were heard, including a German minister and Dr. Mary Walker, who said the provisions of the bill could not be enforced. Two of the gentlemen who appeared was William Mak. Gatchell of New York, the agent of the National Anti-License League, who comes to Washington now to bring suits in the District of Columbia to test the constitutionality of the license system. Ex-Gov. Chamberlain is special counsel in these suits, which will soon be tried.

Mr. Belmont, Chairman of the Committee on Forsign Affairs, said to-day that the adjournment of the House over until Monday, when to-day was specially assigned to his committee, on the first of the House over until Monday, when to-day was specially assigned to his committee, and the provision of the House over until Monday, when to-day was specially assigned to his committee, and the special provision of the House over until Monday, when to-day was specially assigned to his committee, and the special provision of the day, said to-day that the adjournment of the House over until Monday, when to-day was specially assigned to his committee on the committe

day was specially assigned to his committee, had caused what might prove a most unfor-tunate delay in matters of national importance. bad cansed what might prove a most unfortunate delay in matters of national importance,
which was the more to be regretted as the
whole of next week was to be devoted to the
consideration of bills for public buildings. Two
of the measures which were to have been considered to day were the accentance of the invitetion of the French lisepublic to participate
in the Faris Exposition, and legislation to proteel aphmarine cables. The latter, he said, is
called for by an international convention entesed into by the United States. If involved no
appropriation of money, but simply a legislative
enactment providing, in concert with all other
civilized nations for the protection of ocean
cables. The United States had bound itself by
treaty to enact such legislation, and the text
of the law adopted should be filed in Paris on
of theore have only the protection of the convention is to be made. It now
seemed highly probable that the fresty would
be put into operation with the United States
excluded from its provisions because of its
failure to pass the necessary legislation within
the stinulated time.

Mr. Belmont said that this was a fair illustrution of the difficulty, so little understood
outside of Congress, of obtaining consideration for important legislation under the present rules of the House. Here, he said, was a
pariestly harmonious committee, which had
advanced its business further on the calendar
us to the present time than any other, which
had unanimously reported every bill for which
it taked consideration; the disposition of the
flouse was known to be favorable to their passsamp but the prassure of private claims and
bills of appropriation for public buildings was
such that public business could thus under
the rules be practically laid aside for the next
ten days.

Senster Sherman will be obliged to rest

Senator Sherman will be obliged to rest a while from his political labors. He is suffer-ing from a very bad cold, and is in no condition ing from a very bad cold, and is in no condition to make public speeches. He has on this account been compelled to cancel his engagement to speak in Detroit on Wednesday next at the sanual meeting of the Michigan Ciub. This is aguite a disappointment to the Ohic candidate, as he had intended to make a big speech Michigan is good campaigning ground for Republican annidates now Blaine is out of the way, and the sentiment of the State has not yet crystallized upon any one man. Many of the Appublicans there have a kindly feeling for the dilarguage and four years ago some of the delegates were anxious to support him, but were revented. Candidate Hawley will go to the Detroit meeting, however, and can work for his own distressis more effectively than he could were be overshadowed by the presence of the grass Ohic candidate.

Representative T. L'Campbell will introduce

Ropresentative T. J. Campbell will introduce in the House on Monday a bill providing for an appropriation of \$800,000 for the removal of the ladge of rook in the East River between Tenth and Eleventh streets. A preliminary survey of this index, has been made by the Government under a bill passed by Mr. Campbell last year. I he new bill will go to the River and Harbor Committee for consideration.

As ambitious autograph seeker, who halls from Boston, has been engaged for several weeks in writing to United States Senators reweeks in writing to United States Senators requesting them to send to him in addition to their autograph, a favorite motto or quotation. He has met with but indifferent success, but is vary persistent, and a refuest only brings forth another request. Several Senators who grew tited or receiving the Bostonian's enisties scratched off a favorite quotation and thus got rid of their correspondent. Here are two samples of the Senatorial matters:

Sanator Hale-He who has the patience to wit will live to see the engine die or become his friends.

Senator Fallow De not mistake serving for megularous appetite for ambition, and keep year says to the Fallows.

Palmer says that Hale's motto is true if a man can only live long enough.

Bank Clerks Against the Half-heliday Low At a meeting of bank clerks yesterday afternoon at 52 Exchange place a resolution was adopted requesting the repeal of the Saturday Half-holiday law, and substituting therefor a law making haturday a holiday during the months of July and August only. The deries say the Half-holiday law toope many of them out of employment and interess with business during the busy season.

HARVARD'S SPARRERS. Some Noted Puglists Instructing Them

the Manly Art. CAMBRIDGE Feb. 18.—Harvard's sparrers are working hard just now getting into shape to centest for cups and glory at the approach ing winter meeting. There are more men in active training for this contest than for years past, and it is expected that some pretty lively work with the gloves will be seen. Mr. E. J Ferris, the athletic instructor, has charge o this preliminary work, but he has been forced to call to his aid several Boston professors of the manly art. Among these are Johnny Murphy, the feather

forced to call to his aid several Boston professors of the manly art. Among these are Johnny Murphy, the feather weight, who won a big reputation by fighting a draw with Isaac Weir, the "Spider." Billy Frazier, the ex-champion light weight of New England; George Godfrey, the colored champion beavy weight of America; Mike Daly the present holder of the title of light-weight championablp; Joe Lannon, the South Boston heavy weight and a score of lesser lights. The most promising candidates for pugilistic honors at the coming meeting are H. McAllister, Jr., President of the Harvard Sparring Association: W. Austin, L. B., the light-weight champion; H. W. Grew, 89; the feather-weight champion; H. W. Grew, 89; F. P. Clement, 88; G. H. Gray, 89; F. C. Curtis, 90; L. S. Thayer, 88; H. O. Phillips, R. G.; C. F. Ayer, L. S.; E. O. Mitchell, M. S.; C. R. L. Puhnam. '91, and G. R. Walter, '91.

McAllister will probably enter in both the light and middle weight chasses, and his friends regard him a spire winner. He was formerly a punji of Jake Klirain, and has twice won the middle-weight championship. Grew is a very promising sparrer. He has taken lessons from Patsey Sheppard, Ferris, and Danielson, Howon the feather-weight championship from Dalne last year in a very plucky and scientific contest. He has greatly improved since last year, and his friends think he has a first and second mortgage on the title for another year. Austin, L. S., is a hard hitter and has good staying powers. He was trained by Jem Carney for his fight with Ashe last winter. Clement, '88, sparred at Exeter before he came to Hayvard. He won the feather-weight championship in his freshman year, and made a splendid showing in New York when he contested for the amateur feather-weight championship of America, He is quick with both hands, and is sure to improve. Gray, '89, is a very light man for his class, and is trying to get the Athletic Association to offer medals for barrain weight. The officers of the sassociation have the matter under consideration,

His Son Don Not a Candidate This Time-His Admiration for Conkilar. HARRISBURG, Feb. 18.—Gen. Simon Camron left his home in this city to-day for Washington. After spending a few days there, it is his intention to go to Florida, the objective point of his annual winter trip. Speaking of Mr. Blainp's declination. Gen. Cameron said:

"I say frankly that Mr. Blaine's determination surprised me, although I had been told that he would not be a candidate for renomination. During my recent trip abroad I was a guest for a few days of Andrew Carnegie, the

for him. But a man doesn't like to give up power, and when his first term is drawing to a close his friends make him believe his re-election is essential to the country's welfare. Then, for the good of the country," said the General, with a broad smile, "he consents to become a candidate once more."

A CONFIDENTIAL SECRETARY'S FALL

He Stole Over \$30,000 from His Employer to Bot on Lettery Numbers.

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 18 .- It was discovered o-day that F. B. Poupart, confidential secretary to Adolph Schrieber, Treasurer of the Cotton Exchange, had absconded, after making away with \$20,000 in securities belonging to the Exchange. Through a confederate, George Puser, he hypothecated the securities. The money was spent gambling. Poupart betting heavily on the lottery, staking as much as \$10,000 a day on a single number. On Saturday last he stayed away from his office on the plea of sickness.

To-day his wife sent around to Mr. Schrieber to know what had become of her husband. She had not seen him for several days. This at once caused as investigation, when it was found that over \$20,000 of securities had been extracted from the safe, their place being supplied by old paper. At the same time Mr. Schrieber received a letter frem Poupart actnowledging the embessiement, it was learned that he and Puser had reached Mexico in safety. The Cotton Exchange will make an effort to recover the securities from the banks which purchased them. George Puser, he hypothecated the securities

A TWO-STORY BRIDGE BAILWAY.

President Mowall Says Elevated Trains May Run on Treets Over the Present Once. None of the bridge trustees could be found

yesterday who would assume any responsibility for the extension bill proposed in the assembly by Assemblyman Farrell or approve of its provisions. Mr. Farrell could not be seen, but one of bis constituents said that Mr. Farrell was not interested in any way in the bill, and had simply proposed it at the request of a real estate dealer in South Brooklyn.

President Howell said: "No one connected with the bridge management has been consulted about the bill, and its provisions are ridiculous in many respects. In my opinion the best solution of the whole question of carrying pridge passengers is to run tracks for the elevated trains right across the bridge above our present tracks. This idea I firmly believe is practicable and will be carried out, perhaps, at a much leas remote period than would at first seem probable. The angineers say the bridge can be sufficiently strengthened by additional cords to bear the weight of the new elevated tracks and trains.

Obtinary.

William J. Potter (rightly, William J. Potts), yesterday who would assume any responsibili-

William J. Potter (rightly, William J. Potts), who died at his residence in this city the other day, was a well-known asior and agent. Twenty years ago he was at Wood's Museum. Later he became an advance agent and manager through the South and West. From 1871 to 1873 he was in Barnum's ampley, piloting admiral Dot.

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Daniel P. Barnard died yesterday at 108 Monroe street, Brooklyn. ared 76 years. He was the oldest lawyer in active practice in Brooklyn.
William E. Churchill, an old dry goods merchant of this city, died yeatedday at his residence. 11s East Twanty-third street of pasumonia.
Nicholas Bush, aged 64, one of the oldest residents of Greenpoint and the first oysist dealer in that place, died yesterday as his residence on Franklin street.
William Steinert, the Corporation Glerk in the County Clerk's Office, died suddenly on Friday morning of a hemorrhap types the lungua at his home. 218 East Friday third street. He was 27 years old and unmarried.
Mrs. Eatherine L. McCopy, wife of Lieut. McCop and

third street. He was my years old and unmarried.

Mrs. Estherius L. McCop, wite of Lieut. McCop and daughter of Srig.-Gen. John Gibbon, died at Fort Vancouver yesterday after a brief liness.

Capt. W. B. Ragadal of the Fortieth Separate Cempany of Syracuse died yesterday morning of blood potsoning. He was it years old, and Chanceller Commander of Syracuse ledge, Engines of Pythias.

Thomas J. Wayfall died in Reading last evening. He was a meat profite inventor, being second only 10 Edition of the humber of his patents. His patents were the had recently the result of the patents were he had recently the second which was to have as wystem of clevated relirond which was to have any system of clevated relirond which was to have made to be a second to the Legislature this menth.

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LORD SULLIVAN AND JOHN L

THE CHAMPION VISITS THE LORD MAYOR OF DUBLIN IN JAIL.

tck Ashton's Interesting Description of the Meeting—John L.'s Search for the Descendants of Old English Boxers. PROVIDENCE, Feb. 18 .- Jack Ashton, who accompanies John L. Sullivan on his tour, in a letter to James H. Russell of this city, describes

his visit with Sullivan to the latter's namesake.

the Lord Mayor of Dublin:
"We have seen some sad as well as some pleasing sights since we came over here, but we never witnessed anything that broke us up so as when we saw the tears filling that grand old man's eyes. The big fellow and I were not permitted to go to the cell, but we sat at the door and talked with him for half an hour. You ought to have heard him. It would have done you good. Talk about speeches for Ireland that you and I have heard in Music Hall—they ean't begin to compare with what Mr. Sullivar says. He tells in five minutes what it takes some of our speakers two hours to tell. He was still Lord Mayor when we first ran over to visit him in his confinement, Mr. Sexton not having then been elected, and a funny incident happened. We were to be escorted to the prison by a City Councilman, but mistaking the time, we thought our friend was not coming, so we started without him. The big un-I always mean John I. by that-rang the bell, and when

we thought our friend was not coming, so we started without him. The big un—I always mean John L. by that—rang the bell, and when asked for his name and business said his name was Sullivan, and that he wanted to see Mr. Sullivan.

"His Lordship is not about yet, I believe, said the turnkey.

"Lordship! I don't want any Lord Sullivan, but plain Mr. Sullivan, 'said John L., not thinking that the Mayor of Dublin is a Lord for a year, the same as in London.

"When we reached the apartment in which he was confined. Mr. Sullivan grasped us warmly by the hand, and was better pleased to see us than if we had been Dukes.

"We ought to be friends, my doughty name-sake, 'said he to the big fellow. 'We are both Sullivans, and we are in tough places at times.'

"Then he looked us over and said he wished that the condition of Ireland's sons was such that all could cultivate muscle and sinew like John L's. While we were talking word came that the City Recorder and a large parity of municipal officers desired an audience with the Lord Mayor. They came up and were introduced. They said they would rather have made the big fellow's acquaintance than the Lord Leitenant's—that's how they pronounce it there. When we parted tears filled the old gentlemant's eyes. I could see that the big fellow was all broken up. I was, I know."

Ashland also says in the same letter: "I want to tell you of an interesting expedition the big fellow and I went on in London. We were talking upon professional business with some members of the ring one day, when John L. began asking questions about the puglists long since dead and gone. That night he said it would be a bit of fun to hunt up the descendants of the first champions of England and relieve their necessities. We learned that Broughton, the first champions of England and relieve their necessities. We learned that Cribb, who came after him, had left many children. This, I judge, must have been in the neighborhood of 109 years ago, We were directed to a place called Doctors' Commons, and the surfac

RUMOR SHOOTS JOHN L. SULLIVAN. But Over in London They Don't Know Any. thing About Any Shooting.

THE SUN received messages from all over this end of the United States last night asking if it was true that John L. Sullivan had been shot by friends of Mitchell. The SUN's Lon-don correspondent cabled in response to an inquiry: "Doubtless false; will investigate."

FUN AT COMSTOCK'S EXPENSE.

If Mr. Anthony Comstock had been at the entertainment given by the Kit-Kat Art Club at the Columbia Institute Hall last evening, he would have heard a good deal of merriment at his expense. In a tableau entitled "An Evening at the Club," Mr. Comstock was represent-ed as suddenly appearing among a group sketching an undraped statue. But before his entrance, the statue, as if feeling his approach, turns upside down and becomes draped in graceful folds, while the artists fall to sketching Comstock as he leaves in disgnat. This tableau was highly appreciated by the artists and their friends, and was the hit of the

artists and their friends, and was the hit of the evening.

The entertainment was pleasing and varied; rapid charcoal sketching, songs, modelling in clay, and tableaux following each other in rapid succession. The tableaux arranged by membors of the club were particularly fine. The most effective of these were the three entitled "Drifting," "The Wreck," and "The Lorelei."

The first represented a cance with a man and woman in it, and was arranged by a member of the American Cance Association. The parts were taken by Miss Seavey and Mr. Vaux.

A Railroad to China.

Sr. Paul, Feb. 18 .-- Chicago, St. Paul and Minneapolis Railroad men are perfecting plans for a railroad from the twin cities via Bismarck, British Columbia, and Alaska to Pekin China, and Irkutsk, Russia. Rails have already Cana, and fratek, Russia. Ralls have already been laid to Victoria. Thence a line will be built to Cape Prince of Wales in Behring Strait. The strait is only 35 miles wide, and is dotted with islands. The magnates propose to bridge the channel. On the opposite side, at East Cape, the line will start for interior points. Russia is already building to Irkutsk, and this line will be extended to the American road. The projectors assert that the scheme is not visionary.

Starving Indians.

EDMONTON, Northwest Territory, Feb. 18. —S. Cunningham, a member of the Northwest Council, who has just returned from a trip to Lac La Biche in the far north, reports the con-Lac La Biche in the far north, reports the con-dition of the Indians there as deplorable. These Indians have been cut off from Govern-ment assistance since the Riel rebellion. Their horses, cattle, and everything given them prior to 1886 have been taken from them. They are now raiding the settlers or eating them out of provisions by begging.

A Clergyman's Suicide.

CHATTANOOGA, Feb. 18 .- The Rev. S. H. Cole, a Methodist minister, committed suicide this morning by taking poison. He had re-cently moved here from Charleston, Tenn., and centry moved here from Charleston, Tenn., and had been holding protracted meetings. He had been melancholy for several days, and returned on Frilay night with a pint bottle of medicine. He asked his wife to drink it. She refused, and he took several drinks. Directly is began vomiting and in a few hours died in great agony.

Cause of the Big Bank Failure.

CINCINNATI, Feb. 18 .- Mr. Sanders, Government Bank Examiner, says the Metropolian National Bank was ruined by its own policy of making loans unon insufficient collateral, and he verifies the statement that even if the arrest of Vice-President De Camp had not been made the bank would have been compelled to suspend, because the telegraphic orders received the day before the suspension were more than enough to swallow up all the money that could have been obtained.

Attacking a Train,

St. Louis, Feb. 18.-A special despatch says that a mob attacked the Galveston and Kanzas City north-bound passenger train soon after it left Fort Worth last night, throwing stones through the windows. Injuring several passengers and seriously wounding D. A. Baker of New York. It is believed the intention was to induce the guard to come out of the car. kill him, and then rob the train. The attempt was in vain, as the train did not stop. BEGGED FROM JOHN J. ASTOR.

That Industrious Ex-Convict Sets a Quantum and then Sets Three Months. One evening last week the passengers on an elevated train starting from the City Hall were accosted by a man with good lungs, who announced that he had just served a term in Sing Sing for swindling, but that life still had tinge of happiness for him, and that he was reforming. All that he wanted was money to help him to Philadelphia, where a loving wife awaited him. Some of the passengers chipped in, and when the ex-convict left the train at Thirty-fourth street he had the price of many a beer, besides his fare to Pittsburgh.

acquaintances in Newark. They have sus-picions about the author of her troubles, but

Thirty-fourth street he had the price of many a beer, besides his fare to Pitteburgh.

The ruddy face and erect form of John Jacob Astor were visible in the throng that walked in Broadway near Thirty-first street yesterday morning. Mr. Astor uses a cab in his long trips down town-among his bankers and insurance men. Up town, where he owns square miles of houses, he walks.

A loquacious stranger, with more or less of a dilapidated appearance, but most intense confidence, buttonholed Mr. Astor and told him the sorrows of an ex-convict who wanted to do about right, and only needed a little money to get to Philadelphia, where a fond and forgiving wife awaited him. The tone of easy confidence graduated into almost ademand for assistance. Mr. Astor was very rich and the stranger was very poor, but beyond that he was on the road to high moral heights, and it was clearly Mr. Astor duty to help him climb.

To be rid of the stranger, Mr. Astor contributed a 25-cent piece to the good work, but by that time Big John J. Kelley of the Broadway suud had got on to the transaction and merellessly decided that the ex-convict was begging, and went for him.

The ex-convict dived through a crowded Broadway ear, ran out onto the front platform, off and through the storm doors of the Grand Hotel. In the hotel Kelley overtook him, and at Jefferson Market Justice O'Reilly got at him before the half-holiday law shut up court for the day. With easy confidence the ex-convict gave his name as Joseph J. Arnold. He didn't want a lawyer to defend him against the charge of vagrancy and disorderly conduct. He borrowed a pencil from the Justice and selzed a scrap of legal cap that was handy and started in to cross-examine Cashier E. B. Valentine of the White Elephant Trequently for the Orn. Cashier Valentine said that Arnold had been put out of the White Elephant Irequently for

r. Astor. Cashier Valentine said that Arnold had been ut out of the White Elephant frequently for egging. Justice O'Reilly sententiously rebegging. Justice O'Reilly sent marked: "Three months on the Island."

FRANCE AND AMERICA.

The Cercle de l'Harmonie Banquet in Honor of Both Lands.

The Cercle de l'Harmonie gave its annual anquet last evening at the Hotel Brunswick. At the head table were President L. Lafon, Coroner Ferdinand Lovy, Judge Frederick Gedney, Surveyor Beatty, J. Thoron, Acting French Consul-General M. W. Truy, Judge Cowing, Police Commissioner McClave, Alderman A. R. Conkling, and Col. Fellows.

At the lower tables were J. M. Dubois, E. F. Heidet, J. B. Whitney, W. S. Fliess, Frederick Lewis, E. Dovral, P. La Coste, A. de Gaies, E. Lewis, E. Dovrai, P. La Coste, A. de Gaies, E. Huerstel, Battalion Chief C. Gicquel, A. Le Blanc, J. Dardonville, George Silva, L. de Venoye, J. C. Galonspan, Charles Villa, L. Mercier, Charles E. Martel, E. Reyssier, A. Flaurand, H. Tissot, E. Flaurand, E. Lagarde, J. Bernodat, L. Isabeau, E. Moussel, L. Silmon, Ch. Vicca, L., Rossignol, V. Fortwengler, and George Heidet, Mayor Hewitt, Judge Martine, Mr. F. R. Coudert, Cornelius M. Van Cott, and Police Commissioner Fitz John Porter sent letters of regret.

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President L. Lafon spoke to the toast of Welcome to Our Guesta." The toast at the close of President Lafon's speech was drunk standing, and the band in the gallery played the "Marsellaise" while all the guests sang the air. Col. Fellows spoke to the toast of the United States, saying that the subject was too great for an after-dinner speech. He said:

"The war in America settled all questions which alienated the North and the South, and gave us a new and perfect republic. You may sing of the praises of La Belle France, but never forget that we have the country which is the refuge of all nations. It is the fairest land for which a hero died."

The toast of the French Benevolent Society was responded to by President Thoron of the Benevolent Society, Judge Cowing spoke to "The State of New York," Alderman Conkling to "The City of New York," and Judge Gedney to "The City of New York," and Judge Gedney to "The City of New York," and Judge Gedney

JOHNNY LOOK-UP POISONED. His Throat Burned by a Drink Somebo Gave H m-Tracheotomy Tried.

John Gallagher, better known as "Johnny Lookup," 28 years old, of 500 Washington street, was taken to St. Vincent's Hospital last evening, suffering from corrosive poisoning. He said that somebody had given him the polson in drink in a saloon at Spring and Hudson streets.
Gallagher's throat was terribly swellen, and it was thought necessary to perform tracheotomy to prevent him from choking to death. He recovered sufficiently to be pronounced out

ing pain in his throat. A detective of the Prince street station called at the hospital last night, and an arrest will probably be made shortly. Gallagher is the harmless, weak-minded man who goes to all the funerals. It is supposed that somebody played a cruel practical joke on him.

AMUSEMENTS.

The German Opera Season Closes with a Performance of "Siegfried." The last performance of the season by the

German troupe took place yesterday afternoon. and brought to a brilliant close the most successful season of opera ever given in this councessful season of opera ever given in this country. A large audience testified its hearty approval and abundant enthusiaem by shouts and cheers as well as by hand plaudits. The curtain was raised at the end of the entertainment no less than thirteen times, people in the house absolutely refusing to leave their seats until the artists had reappeared again and again. Loud calls for Mr. Stanlon were insistently given, but the manager refused to come forward. The "Gotterdammerung" and "Siegfried" seemed to give a new impetus to the closing weeks of opera. Their popularity has been immense, and the public will undoubtedly look forward with increased interest and expectation to the coming of Mr. Stanton's splendid corps of singers next year, while it remembers with gratitude and pleasure the joys of the past season.

MUSICAL EVENTS OF THE WEEK.

The end of the German coera season yesterday will leave the Metropolitan Opera House somewhat unused for the present at teach the season of the present at teach tions. The chief event there for this weak mind at tractions. The chief event there for this weak will not only mann maines on Saturday. This connert will not only present the remarkable boy in several of his best numbers, but will also have the services of the regular or chestra under Adolf Neuendorff and of Signor De Anna Mue. Sacont. Miss Nettic Carpenter, and others of Mr. Abbey's troupe.

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One of the most promising events of the season is the series of three symphony concerts projected by Conductor Anton Seidl. They are arranged for March 2, 16, and 30. They will not only attest what this great conductor can do with symphonies, but will be the means of producing at least one important novelty. Wagner's one symphony, a work that was not discovered until this after the composer's death, and did not have its first performance until recently. It will be heard in the performance until recently. It will be heard in the performance until series, it will be the preliade to "Farsifal," a selection numbers will be the preliade to "Farsifal," a selection numbers will be the preliade to "Farsifal," as election under the vocal parts in the final of "Don Glovanni," The worsh parts in the the final of "Don Glovanni," The worsh parts in the the final of "Don Glovanni," The worsh parts in the final of "Don Glovanni," The worsh parts in the final of "Don Glovanni," The worsh parts in the final of "Don Glovanni," The worsh parts in the parts of "Pon Glovanni," The worsh parts in the parts of "Pon Glovanni," The worsh parts in the final of "Don Glovanni," The worsh parts in the final of "Don Glovanni," The worsh parts in the parts of "Pon Glovanni," The worsh parts in the first of the first of the parts of t

Fraulein Lill Lehmann.

If it were not for the Casino, admirers of light oper-might fare hard this week, but with "Erminis" still booming along just as young as she used to be, there is really no lack of the best sufertainment in that line. The Casino is some too large to hold its patrons every night, and the rule has to be—go early. Fortunate will be those who secure an opportunity to be present at the 700th performance, which will occur on the 20th, with all the wealth of novely in costume, decorations, and souvenirs that the colleagues of Mr. Aronson can devise.

One of those interesting organ and harp recitals by Mr. and Miss Morgan will be given at Chickering Hall next Thursday afternoon at 6. Princeton College hanjoists and Warblers will give characteristic entertainment in Chickering Hall on Friday evening.

A Young Polks' Popular will be given at Steinway Hall by the Thomas orchestra next Saturday afternoon The Symphony Society of New York gives its sixth re hearsal on Friday afternoon and concert on Sajurday

The Boston Ideals will begin an engagement at Niblo's to morrow night with "Fra Diavolo" and Mile. De Lussan in the title role. This will be her first anopearance in this opera in this city. On Washington's Hirthday a matines will be given with "The Daughter of the Regiment." ment."

The McCauli Opera Company will appear at the Academy of Musio, Brooklyn this week. They will present the favorite opera comique. Falks "the first three nights and Wednerday matines. On Thursday evening and balance of week they will give for the first time an entirely new version of Suppe's charming opera." Boocnactio.

The complaint of assault made by Edward

JENNIE OSBORNE'S FATE

A POOLISH GIRL'S FLIRTATIONS BRING DISGRACE AND DEATH.

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Patal Visit to Enston-Nobody Tells Which One of her Friends is Responsible. Jennie Osborne, who died on Thursday night under suspicious circumstances in the Franklin Hotel at Easton, Pa., was one of the prettiest young women in Newark. She was employed for several years in Hahne & Co.'s bazaar, in Marx & Strauss's dry goods store, and in W. S. Hedenberg's fancy goods estab-lishment. More recently she sold candy in one or two candy kitchens established in different liam Tribbals, who claims to be her cousin. Jennie's case is a puzzle to her friends and

their own stories conflict.

Jennie received marked attention from sevseen at the theatres and other public places with a young man of her own name, the son of a furniture dealer on Broad street. She was fond of the company of young men, and when

with a young man of her own name, the sen of a furniture dealer on Broad street. She was fond of the company of young men, and when she quarrelled last August with young Osborne she did not lack for male friends. In September she went to Danbury. Conn., and, it is said, met there a young man named Charles Haskell, a travelling salesman for a jewelry firm. Haskell renewed the acquaintance in Newark, and took her to the theatre one night, but did not call at her house, and this fact was remarked by her parents, but Jennie excused him by saying that he was travelling around all the time, and was too busy to call.

Mrs. Osborne said yesterday that Jennie left home on the morning of Jan. 30 to visit an annt in Springfield, Mass. On Feb. 2 a letter was received from Jennie, and she wrote that she was in Springfield, in excellent health, and directed that letters should be addressed to her at Box 47. Springfield, Mass. It is understood in Newark that the Postmaster at Springfield refused to tell who owned box 47. Mrs. Osborne wrote a letter as directed by her daughter, but falled to get an answer, and she did not again hear of her daughter until Thursday, when the telegram came from Easton announcing that Jennie was dying there.

On Friday James Smith and his brether, the girl's employers, took Jenny's sister and aunt to Easton and identified the body.

James Smith said yesterday that it was impossible to get a straight story from anybody connected with the affair in Easton; that the girl's body was quietly removed from the hotel to the undertakers to avoid injuring the hotel. He said also that Dr. Field and Mr. Pace, the proprietor of the Franklin House, refused to tell him who paid their bilis for the girl's board and medical attendance.

When she knew that she was about to die Jennie wrote a letter to her mother, which Mr. Osborne refuses to make public. She says, however, that Jennie was dan dater warning other young disto avoid making the acquaintance of strange men, she closed with, "You know, mother, who is the

the street several times.

A young man who know Jennie said that she was fend of flirtations on Broad street evenings, but he never regarded her as anything worse than a foolish girl who was not aware of her danger.

SWISS, ITALIANS, AND FRENCH.

Ball of the Societa Ticinese di Mutue So corso-The XX. Coterie, The Società Ticinese di Mutuo Soccorso entertained its friends last evening with its eighteenth annual reception and ball at Irving Hall. Representatives from sixty-three Swiss Italian, French, and Swiss-German societie were present. Cappa was there with his band to furnish inspiration for the promenade and to furnish inspiration for the promenade and the dance.

S. Buzzini. President of the ball, made the opening address at the reception, and called upon representatives from the visiting societies for speeches. The principal societies represented were the Benevolent Swiss. General Swiss, Helvetienne, Grutly Verein, Helvetienne Mannerchor, Helvetia Lodges Nos. 1 and 2, the Swiss Club; the Amitic. Concorde and Columbia; the Fraterna and Operaya.

Mr. Bertchman, the Swiss Consul, was among the guests, Most of the Italian representatives were from military organizations and wore attractive uniforms. Fully 600 persons were present.

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The XX Coterie last night resumed the series of annual public receptions begun sixteen years ago, Beethoven Hall in East Fifth street, was hardly large enough for those who gathered to celebrate the occasion. Long tables were laid in the big room below for the supper that closed the entertainment.

Floor Manager Adolph Sauer opened the ball with Miss Louise Henkleman, Others there were:

HE SKIPPED TO CHICAGO.

The Queen's Printer for Manitoba Short in His Accounts.

WINNIPEG, Feb. 18 .- Gideon Bourdeau Queen's printer for Manitoba, is said to be short in his accounts and to have skipped over the border. Bourdeau is a brother-in-law of influence he received his appointment some four years ago. Since that time he has been making false returns to the Government and overdrawing his salary, but, being a relamaking false returns to the Government and overdrawing his salary, but, being a relative of La Hiviere's and a personal favorite of ex-Premier Norquay, he was never asked to square up, and the matter was keet in the dark. Since the appointment of the two expert auditors by the new Premier. Greeenway, to examine into the financial condition of the province they discovered these discrepancies and on asking Bourdeau to explain, that functionary is said to have replied by at once departing for St. Paul or Chicago, leaving the city on Wedpeeday morning last. Tho total of his defalcations will amount to considerably over \$5.000. It is known that he carried \$1.000 in cash away with him, as he had made no returns of his department since Dec. 3!.

Bourdeau had the management of the Official Gazette, and large sums of money passed through his hands. Bourdeau got into trouble some years ago in Montreal, where he accepted a responsible position as accountant of the Canada Trust and Loan Company, but his mother-in-law came to his assistance and saved him from disgrace, although he lost his position.

Afterward he went to Chicago, where he was employed as bookkeeper in a wholesale firm, coming later to Winnipeg. High life and gambiling are given as the cause of Bordeau's shortage.

Doc Wilson Sends Love Letters to his Di

PROVIDENCE, Feb. 18 .- The hearing of the etition of "Doc" Levi Wilson, for the privilege of seeing his two children, was heard in the Supreme Court to-day. At the time of the granting of the divorce the Court did not rule granting of the divorce the Court did not rule upon the request of the petitioner. Mrs. Wilson, for the custody of the children. The final decree, however, was filled to-day. It was developed in the hearing to-day that Wilson had been annoying his former wile by sending her letters containing words of endearment.

"They were love letters," said Lawyer Wilson, for Mrs. Levi Wilson, "and they were very offensive. Those letters were sent to the house of Mrs. Wilson's parents en Henefit street, some were signed Levi Wilson, and occasionally one mailed was signed. In the sight of God. Levi Moen."

Great pressure was brought to bear upon the Court on this account to disallow Wilson's petition to see his children once a month. The Court ruled that Wilson could appoint a place to meet his children once svery two weeks, except in July or August, or such other times in the heated term that the family left the city, Wilson was very much dissatisfied with the decision.

A Hormit's Will Probated.

The willfof Johann William Stolting, the Saw Sanders against Archer L. Piddian was diamissed yesterdy by sustice Nasher. Mr. Sanders not appearing to
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was partners in the foreign bond lottery brainess at 07
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HE KNEW WHAT HE WANTED.

And he Thought he Knew How to Get It

There is no more familiar figure to down own business men and newspaper men that he hale and hearty old gate keeper of the Park place station of the Sixth avenue elevated road. Cold and heat are alike to him. During the bitterest nights of the present season the old man has been found, not hugging the stove in one of the waiting rooms, but breasting the jey blasts beside his ticket chopping machine. On one of the iron supports of the station a his right hand hangs a little thermometer. The

On one of the iron supports of the station at his right hand hangs a little thermometer. The lower the red liquid in the tube sinks the higher rise the old man's soirits.

The other night the sturdy gate keeper's patience was severely tested. It was february's first blizzard night. It was after midnight, and trains were running on the twenty-minute interval. The 12:26 rumbled up to the station, and those who had been shivering while they waited for it lost no time about getting aboard. The guards banged the gates to, the train vanished around the curve, and then the gateman noticed that a solitary individual was totering on the edge of the platform. Just as the gateman expected to see the lone man fall on the track, he recovered himself and walked unsteadily toward the gate.

"Want-er-go-stwenty-shird-srheet!" said he, sternly, to the old gateman.

"Why didn't ye stay on the train, then?"

"Luk 'ere, me man, wastreet's zis?" continued he, with increasing dignity.

"Park place."

"How's it run, ees or wes?"

"From Broadway to the river."

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"The zettles it! exclaimed the man, starting for the street.

"Here." shouted the old gateman. "wait here, if you want to go to Twenty-third street!"

"No, you don't, m' friend, "replied the inebriated passenger: "you can't work that on me, I know how to go stwenty-shird shreet and I'm gon't there." With that he crossed over to the down-town station, and doggedly waited there for the next train to South Ferry, on which he triumphantly sot out for Twenty-third street.

A PAIR GIRL'S PITIABLE FATE

Taken to the Penttentiary Chained to Brutal Negro Criminal. SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Feb. 18 .- At the last term of the District Court, Rosa Schmidt, a German girl, 18 years old, was sentenced to two years in the penitentiary for forging check bearing the name of Dr. Corcoran, head veterinary surgeon at the United States post in this city. She had been employed as a domestic in his family, found his check book lying around, thought it would be an easy way oget a little money, and forged his name for

a small amount. She made no attempt to imi

ate his signature, and payment was promptly

refused.
She was a fair, delicate, blue-eyed and golden-

refused.

She was a fair, delicate, blue-eyed and goldenhaired girl, utterly inexperienced, and naturally shy and retiring. Her family live here, and are good, honest people. Great efforts were made to secure her pardon. The Judge who seatenced, the jury who tried, the attorneys who prosecuted her, and many outsiders signed the petition. The papers were forwarded to Gov. Ross three weeks ago, but no action has been taken.

Yesterday the penitentiary contractor called for the prisoners here and started with them for the penitentiary. Among them was Miss Schmidt. She was quiet and submissive, but despite this, the man in charge placed a chain around her fair neck and yoked her closely to a brutal negro criminal who goes up for a term of years. In this condition she was driven to the depot, and in this condition she will probably make the long trip to Huntsville. The action of the contractor has awakened widespread indignation. All the newspapers here have denounced it editorially in the strongest terms. The most determined efforts will be made to secure the immediate intervention of Executive elemency.

A TRACE OF DOWLING.

Wm. Hamilton's Murderer was Trampin

RED BANK, Feb. 18 .- Sheriff Field, who set out on Thursday with Deputies Lattum, Strong, and Adams to search among the pines in Burlington county, where a man named Pollin claimed to have seen him, for Pete Dowling, who murdered Wm. Hamilton at Long Branch New Year's night, ended the trip at Burlington last night. The party went with Pollin to Woodmansie, a small station on the Jersey Southern Railroad, south of where Pollin said Dowling was. There they separated, and journeyed by various roads through the pines, agreeing to come together again at Buriington. The one who accompanied Pollin was taken to the place where Dowling was said to have been seen with a party of colored wood-choppers, but there was no one there.

All the satisfaction that the rest got for their trouble was information that on Jan. 5 a colored man had applied to Constable Thompson of Pemberton, Burlington county, for assistance to reach Mount Holly, where he claimed to have friends. He was in a pitiful plight, and the constable bought him a ticket to Mount Holly. The conductor on the train says that the negro got off somewhere before that town was reached. It is certain, the officers say, that that man was Dowling, then fleeing from the scene of his crime, while it was still supposed that the murder had been done by white Dowling was. There they separated, and posed that the murder had been done by white men. He is thought to have got to Philadel-phia, and either to be concealed there or, being a sailor, to have shipped out of the country.

IS TAYLOR LOCKED UP IN TANGIER:

His Friends Believe he was the Man who i Embroiling this Country and Morocco. PLAINFIELD, N. J., Feb. 18.—The despatches from London telling of an American citizen who has been imprisoned without cause at Rabat by the Moorish Government, and saying that the American Consul at Tangier had made a demand for his release, have alarmed friends of W. B. S. Taylor, a wealthy resident of this place. They believe that he is the Amerithis place. They believe that he is the American referred to.

Mr. Taylor left New York in September for a trip through Africa, expecting to be absent all winter. Most of this time he has spent in Morocco, and he has written several letters to a paper here describing his trip. The last on was dated at Tangier. Nov. 29. Nothing has been heard from him since.

In this letter he referred to a disturbance in the town, in which he was interested and was likely to be involved. He was connected for a long timp with the Goodyear Rubber Company in New York, and made his money by the invention of a flexible rubber gas pipe for drop lights.

Tammany's Errand to Washington. Tammany's committee will start for Washington to-morrow morning on the 10:30 train to persuade the National Democratic Committee to hold the National Convention in this city. As an extra inducement for the holding city. As an extra inducement for the holding of the Convention here they will promise to secure Madison Square Garden. Fire Commissioner Croker is Chairman of the sub-commissioner Croker is Chairman of the sub-commistee and Robert E. Deyo Secretary. The others of the committee who will go to Washington are George H. Forster, Jahn Cochrane, Deputy liegister James J. Martin, Sheriff Grant, County Clerk Flack, Thomas F. Gilroy, Register Slevin, Senator Plunkitt, and Police Justice Charles J. Weide. They will be met by Joseph J. O'Donohue. Congressmen Cox, Cummings, and others, who will see that the Braves ard well taken care of during their stay.

A Supposed-to-be Murdered Man Heard from After Fitteen Years.

Frank Sayer of Southampton, L. L. was supposed to have been murdered in New York about fitten years ago. About that time he left home in company with a friend to ship on a vossel sailing from New York. While on his way to board the vessel he stopped to see a friend in Brooklyn. His friend accompanied him to friend in Brooklyn. His friend accompanied him to Fulton Ferry, where he bade him good by. Sayer did not write to his friends, as he promised to do, and as year after year passed without anything being heard from him his friends concluded that he had been robbed and murdered. Testerday a letter was received from sayer by Edward Wick of Seuthampton.

He said is the epistle that he would like to return to southampton again, but falled to refer to his strange disappearance. The letter was dated from Cambridge, Mass. The news guickly apread through the town and surprised all his friends. A report is now being circulated that Sayer left Southampton on account of his being filted by a woman who is now the wife of a leading citizen of the place, and the mother of several children.

Display of Faskienable Costumes by B.

A remarkable sale of ladies' suits and costumes is in progress at H. Altman & Co.'s establishment on Sixth avenue. The collection, which embraces every style of garment and covers every grade of fabric from is garment and covers every grace or territories in the costly alik and lace to the more modest and inexpensive woollen goods is the product of this firm's work-rooms, and is suited to every occasion of indoor and outdoor wear. A giance at the figures advertised leaves nothing more to be desired, as they enable the purchaser to obtain at moderate cost a garment well made, the production of the control of the way of the production of the cost of the stand of a firm whose reputation in this department of ladies' wear stands unrivaled.

The Army of the Camberland. At an informal meeting of members of the

At an informal meeting of hembers of the Army of the Cumberland last evening the formation of an Eastern association was broached. Mr. Calvin God-dard, 190 Broadway, and Mr. J. C. Esiff, 52 Exchange place, were appointed a committee to obtain the names and addresses of office and present a service is the army, and who are new bring in the East service for that they may be southed of a social meeting and diameter to be given as an early date to thouse the pre-

NEWS FROM FATHERLAND

THE CZAR MAKES KNOWN HIS DE MANDS CONCERNING BULGARIA Little Doubt that They Will be Rejected-

Emperor William in Pine Health and Working Hard-Reports from San Remo, Copyright, 1888, by the New York Associated Press. Berlin, Feb. 18,-Prince Bismarck has obtained from Count Schouvaloff, the Russian Ambassador here, a definite declaration of the Czar's demands with reference to Bulgaria, No. secret is made of the exact character of the proposals, nor of the official opinion that they will be summarily rejected. The Czar asks a substantial recognition of the right of Russia to control Bulgaria and Roumelia. Prince Ferdinand and the Sobranja are to be wiped out, and a Russian commissioner, with a Turkish colleague, is to reorganize the Government and the army and control the elections for a new Sobranje. Russia further claims

the right to occupy the principality until the

The impossible nature of these demands ag-gravates the situation. It is reported that

Czar deems it proper to withdraw his troops.

Frince Bismarck has advised Count Schouvaloff to urre the Russian Government to refrain from officially presenting them to Austria, ea the ground that they would certainly meet with peremptory rejection without discussion. The household officials describe Emperor William as working with the activity of tea years ago. He devotes fourteen hours daily to his duties, beginning at 9 o'clock in the morning and retiring at 11 P. M. His valet awakes him at 7 A. M., and he drinks a cup of tea before arising. He breakfasts lightly at 8%, and at 9 receives reports. He lunches at 121s, the meal generally consisting of a basin of plain soup, chicken, and a glass of Bordeaux. He holds audience till 3 o'clock, when he goes out for a drive. He returns at 4, and grants more interviews till 5, when he dines. He resumes work from 6 till 7, and atterward indulges in social converse till 10, when tea is served, after which he retires to his study. He disposes of urgent business before going to his bedroom. His fitness for work and elasticity of mind strike his entourage as marvellous.

If the Crown Prince gots worse the Emperor will go to San Remo. His physicians have advised him not to venture on the journey before April, but orders sent to Munich to prepare for his reception show that it is his intention to start the moment the Crown Prince's danger becomes acute. Prince Bismarck has advised Count Schouvaloff start the moment the Grown Finites danger becomes acute.

The official bulletins, which conflict with pri-vate advices, say that the wound in the Crown Prince's throat heals, but his general condition is worse. His nervous irritability, prolonged insomnia, recurrent neuragia in the head, his cough and constant expectoration, combine to weaken him. cough and constant expectoration, combine to weaken him.

To-day the Crown Prince's condition was unchanged. The weather has been against him. Dr. Bergmann now lives at the villa, and watches every phase of the disease.

Hamburg has a social scandal. Pastor Wannak, the head of a refuge for fallen women in that city, has been arrested for converting the refuge into a harem and allowing the inmates to include in secret debauches. Other directors of the refuge are implicated.

EXCITEMENT IN LONDON.

Some Indications that the Torics Expect a Crisis. LONDON, Feb. 18 .- Much uneasiness prevails in political circles. Col. Ponsonby, the Queen's private secretary, has recently paid several visits to Lord Salisbury and Mr. W. H. Smith, the Government leader in the House of

when a crisis is imminent. After the Cabinet council to-day Mr. Balfour the Chief Secretary for Ireland, walked to the Irish Office. He was evidently greatly excited. Although the weather was bitterly cold, he was hatless, and walked with his hands clasped t his head. He was followed by two detectives.

Commons. Such visits are unusual excent

Americans Convicted of Hobbery, GENEVA. Feb. 18 .- Leon Chyle and Josep Martin, alias Graves, of Chicago, and Reginsle Chambers, a bookmaker of New York, were tried at the Assizes to-day on the charge of robbery. The amount stolen was 2640. Chris and Martin were convicted and sentenced to two years' imprisonment each. Chambers was acquitted.

Another Gladstone Victory, LONDON, Feb. 18 .- Thomas Byburn Buchanan, the Gladstonian candidate, was fo-day reflected to the House of Commons for the west division of Edinburgh. He received 3,294 votes against 3,248 for his opponent, fir. Ra-leigh, a Liberal-Unionist, At the previous elec-tion the vote was; T. R. Buchanan (Liberal-Unionist), 3,083; R. Wallace (Home Rulyr), 2,333.

England and Venezuela, LONDON, Feb. 18 .- The British Government deny the statement that an English military force is about to enter Venezuela. They say that the indemnity was paid in Decraber

under protest. Vanderveer She Oysters.

Judge Dykman has handed down his de cision in the General Term in the Supreme Court, on the case of Sutter agt. Vanderveer, relating to the owner ship of oysters planted in Jamaica Bay. Sutter ha ship of oysters planted in Jamaica Bay. Sutter has planted oysters in the bay, and Vanderveer has obtained a lease of the land under water, so secupied, from the trustees of the town of Jamaica. Jong Island, and endeavored to obtain passession of the beds.

The Court below had decided in favor of Sutter, and the case went to the General Ferm on appeal. Judge Dykman decided that if Sutter had unlawfully planted oysters on that ground, his violation of the law did not forfeit his property; but he could have been compelled to move his oysters.

A Brave Man Henored.

Police Commissioner Ball of Brooklyn thus commends the brave act of an officer: "The Commissioner desires to publicly commend the conduct of Patrolman Charles F. Eason of the First Preconduct of Patrolman Charles F. Eason of the First Pre-cinct, who, with great presence of mind, on the evening of Feb. 14, 1888, at the corner of Pulton and Bondstreets, wrapped his coat, around one Julia Reynolds, whose the lire. The Commissioner desires it and administra-tion of the Property of the Property of the Pro-partment, who act with intelligence, prudence, and courage, as Patrolman Bason did on this occasion, de-serve the thanks of their superior officers, and shed lus-tre on the force of which they are members."

At Law Over One of Mrs. Stewart's House Surrogate A. M. Weller of Queens county heard yesterday, in his court at Long Island City, the appeal in the case of ex-Judge Hilton and Mr. Clinch, the executors of the will of the late Mrs. Stewart, against the executors of the will of the late Mrs. Stewart, against J. Rodman. The defendant occupied one of the Stewart estate houses at Garden City, and by the terms of his agreement was to put the house in good rapair. On the first trial before a Justice and jury it was held that the defendant had not compiled with his contract and a verdict was given for the plaintiffs. Defendant, on appeal, now claims that the executors had no right to bring the suit, and, if brought at all, it should have been by the heirs atclaw. The further hearing was adjourned until next Saturday.

Trichinosis Claiming Victims. CAMDEN. N. J., Feb. 18.-Miss Nettle Hovis. aged 17 years, daughter of Benjamin Hovis, an em ployee of the Camden gas works, died at her home here this afternoon from the effects of trichinosis. The girls father and mother are in adving condition, and very little hope is entertained for their recovery. The parasites were contained in pork chops, of which the family partook at a meal about two weeks ago, since which the chops were partook at a meal about two weeks ago, since which time all at meal about two weeks ago, since which time all and the chops were purchased from a neighboring provision lesis.

Signal Office Prediction.

Fair weather. followed by light rains, slight changes in temperature, light to fresh winds shirting to east and south. BROOKLYN.

There are at present sixty two patients in the small pox pavilion at Flatbush. pox pavilion at Flattush.

Mary Connolly, alias Annie Donigan the expertance iffer who was arrested two weeks ago for stealing a piece of slik from a Fulton street store, has been sent to the penitentiary for aix mouths by Justice Walsh.

Narry six hundred delegates to the Young Men's Christian Association Convention were given a reception and supper last night by the Young Men's Christian Association of Brooklyu at its fine half in Fulton street and Hanover place.

JOITINGS ABOUT TOWN. The orchid exhibition at the Eden Musee will be open

to-day.

Mr. Edmond Huerstel is not connected with Coudert Brothers, and appeared in the Henri Bulard case for the French Benevolent Society.

Sadie Martinot, the actress, satisf for Europe yesterday on the steamer Werra. She declined to state het reasons for her sudden departure, but said that her trig abroad would be very brief. abroad would be very brief.

A torch spilled a drop of burning alcohol on the Thalia
Theatre stage on Friday night, and there was a chorus
of uneasy "Only" from the house. Here Fessari threw
an old cost over the spilled fire and put out the fame.

Judge-Patterson has granted an absolute divorce to
Mary B. Bomon from Stephen Domon and to Joseph
Tinaro from Margherita Tinaro. Judge-Bookstaver has
granted an absolute divorce to John Muller from Emma
Suiter.

The Equitable Life Assurance Society has sold sixteen city late on the east side of Eighth avanue, between 185th and 187th terests, to Maclay & Javies 107 225.031. The purchasers propose to erect twenty dats and store on the property.

There are in this city in the same lines of trade bushness through the names, which are not connected with ness through the names of the names of the trade the old house of the building store that the same is trade the old house of the names are the trade the old house of the same through the trade the old house of the same through the same throu